

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-211098, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family members U.S. Patent No. 6,826,388 to TANAKA et al., which issued on November 30, 2004, and European Patent Publication No. EP 1 102 413. Applicants note that the Japanese document is cited on page 9 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, are set forth in the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Applicants further submit the following documents.

- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-245007, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 9 of the specification of the above-captioned application.
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-217769, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 9 of the specification of the above-captioned application.
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-092143, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 9 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

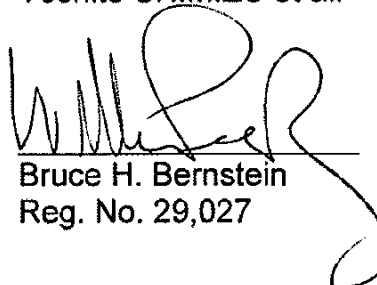
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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